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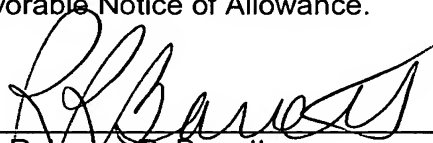
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RESPONSE

This is in response to the restriction requirement in the above captioned case, response to which is due September 13, 2007 with a five-month extension of time. The Examiner has required the election of a single disclosed species. The basis for this requirement is that the species are independent and distinct.

In response to the species election requirement, Applicants elect the species where R5 is hydrogen and R6 is alkoxy, with traverse, because it is maintained that the genus contains a reasonable number of species. Claims 1-7 and 9-14 are readable on the elected species.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully maintain that Claims 1-14 are in condition ready for allowance and request an early and favorable Notice of Allowance.

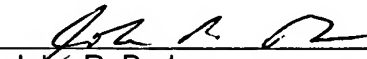
  
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